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TO: Commissioners and Alternates

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SUBJECT: Supplemental Listing of Pending Administrative Matters
(For Commission consideration on October 16, 2014)

This report lists the administrative permit applications, federal consistency actions, marsh development permits in the Secondary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh, regionwide permit actions, minor amendments to the Suisun Marsh Local Protection Program, and emergency permits that are pending with the Commission. The staff members to whom the matters have been assigned are indicated at the end of the projects' description. Inquiries should be directed to the assigned staff member prior to the Commission meeting.

Administrative Permits and Federal Consistency Actions

The following administrative permit application has been filed and is presently pending with the Commission. The Executive Director will take the action indicated on the matter unless the Commission determines that it is necessary to hold a public hearing.

Applicant: Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART)
5401 Old Redwood Highway
Petaluma, CA 94954

BCDC Permit Application No. M2014.013.00

Filed: 10/07/14
90th Day: 01/05/15

Location: In a certain waterway (a tidal marsh), at the former Mira Monte Marina, along the Petaluma River, just south of the Redwood Landfill, at 8934 Old Redwood Highway, in the City of Novato, Marin County.

Description: As part of the mitigation requirements for the construction of a portion of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) rail line located outside the Commission's jurisdiction, restore the former Mira Monte Marina to tidal wetlands. Phase I activities would include preparing the site for tidal re-introduction by excavating a total of 578 cubic yards of material over 8,838 square feet to create and connect tidal channels to a San Antonio Creek, a natural tidal channel.



Phase II activities would consist of removing derelict docks, reestablishing a tidal connection with Petaluma River by removing a levee, culvert and flap gate, and performing excavation, if needed, to optimize tidal exchange within the restored site. Phase II activities would occur on lands owned by the California State Lands Commission, thus a lease is required prior to Commission authorization. The lease from the State Lands Commission is anticipated by the end of October 2014 at which time the applicant will request further Commission authorization for the Phase II work.

Upon completion of Phase I and Phase II of the project, a total of 54.1 acres of tidal habitat would be restored and enhanced.

SMART determined that public access at the project site was infeasible due to safety concerns associated with crossing a railroad line that will become active with the commencement of SMART service. Several public access opportunities were explored for the project but due to numerous variables (e.g., timing of funding, property ownership, public access user experience, etc.) a feasible public access proposal within the Commission's jurisdiction was not identified.

The public access proposed with the project would be located just north of the Commission's jurisdiction along the Petaluma River, at the mouth of the Petaluma Marina, in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County. The public access would consist of constructing an ADA-accessible overlook with amenities (e.g., seating, signage, etc.). This overlook would connect to multi-use trails planned for the area and would provide viewing opportunities of the Petaluma River, the Petaluma Marina and tidal marshes just east of the marina, all outside the Commission's jurisdiction, but influenced by the Bay.

Tentative Staff Position: Recommend Approval. (Michelle Levenson; 415-352-3618 or michellel@bcdcc.ca.gov)

Regionwide Permits

The Executive Director has issued the following regionwide permit since the last listing.

Applicant: Pittsburg Power Company, dba Island Energy
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565

BCDC Regionwide Permit No. NOI2014.013.00

Filed: 09/25/14

14th Day: 10/09/14

Permit Issued: 10/09/14

Location: Within the 100-foot shoreline band, just northeast of G Street, on Mare Island, in the City of Vallejo, Solano County.

Description: Install a pressure release valve on an existing natural gas pipeline and erect an 8-foot-tall, 90-square-foot enclosure around the valve.

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